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GERMAN CRUISER IS SUNK

Two Torpedoes From Hostile Submarine Sends Small Warship Undine to the Bottom off Swedish Coast.

British Armed Merchantman is Sunk in Mediterranean, and Steamer Woolwich Falls Victim to Coast Blockaders.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—The small German cruiser Undine, has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine off the Swedish coast, it was officially announced today.

"The small cruiser Undine," says the official announcement, "was sunk by two torpedoes from a submarine on the afternoon of Nov. 7 while patrolling the south Swedish coast. Nearly the entire crew was saved."

The Undine was a protected cruiser of 2,672 tons displacement, 328 feet long and 15.8 feet deep. Her armament consisted of 10 4.1 inch guns and two 8-inch torpedo tubes. She was built in 1901 at Howaldt.

Two British Ships Are Sent to Bottom

London, Nov. 8.—The British armed merchantman Tara was attacked and sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by two German submarines on Friday last, according to an official announcement made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

The steamship Woolwich, of London, 2,388 tons gross, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

Another Serb Town Is Taken By Germans

Berlin, Nov. 8.—The Serbian town of Krusevac, on the railroad about 50 miles northwest of Nish, has been occupied by German troops, according to today's official statement, given out by army headquarters staff.

Bulgar and Teuton Armies Are United

London, Nov. 8.—The fall of Nish has united solidly the main Bulgarian forces and the Austro-German armies advancing from the north. Hitherto their communications consisted merely of tentative reaching out of advance guards.

The Bulgarians and their allies now hold considerably more than half of Serbia and command the Nish vital way which has been one of the chief objectives of their campaign. From Nish the Bulgarian line now runs north in a slight curve, encircling the Morava river, to Krievir, where it joins the main Austro-German forces.

From that point the invaders' line turns at a right angle and runs due west across the broadest part of Serbia.

The rough semi-circle made by this line is still contracting and as it does so, according to German reports, it is taking heavy toll of Serbian prisoners. In southern Serbia, the fortunes of war are less auspicious for the invaders. There the Bulgarians apparently suffered a severe check from the Serbians assisted by French and British troops.

No official confirmation has been received, however, of a reported decisive defeat of the Bulgarians who are attempting to advance into Macedonia, through Babuna Pass. South of Strumitsa the French are fighting on Bulgarian soil.

The crisis occasioned by the resignation of the Greek cabinet has been met temporarily, and if the chairman of deputies accepts the new Skoufouli ministry the present status may be continued indefinitely with no change in the announced policy of Greece, now reiterated, of benevolent inquiry. On the eastern front severe but indecisive fighting continues before Riga and Dvinsk. The offensive movement of the Russians in Galicia along the Stripa, has been halted for the present and the long battle in that region has ended. There are no new developments of importance on the other fronts.

Rumanian Premier Summons Conference

Paris, Nov. 8.—Premier Bratiano, of Rumania, desirous of obtaining the views of members of parliament upon the international situation before the opening of the coming session, is holding individual conferences with them, says a Havas despatch from Bucharest.

All the members seen thus far by the prime minister, it is reported, have agreed with him that the government is following the wisest course in maintaining neutrality for the present at least.

HEALTH BOARD TO GIVE KING \$5,000 PRIZE

Machinery of Administration Greased to Grind Out Rich Contract.

WILSON WILL VOTE FOR HIM, IF NEEDED

Democratic Commissioners Have Not Yet Decided How to Vote.

John T. King, the Republican leader of Bridgeport, will be awarded a new contract for the collection of the city garbage, for five years, at the meeting of the board of health tomorrow night.

King was underbid by The Burns Co. on a proposed renewal of the contract, under the terms on which he now holds it, and the board of health in order to give to Mr. King the profits of the big contract, will award him a special contract for five years.

King bid low for the garbage collection for periods of one and five years, but the Burns Co., in which his recent political adversary, Theodore B. Ford, is one of the principal owners, bid low for the 10 year contract.

King will receive \$2.14 per ton for the collection, under the proposed five years contract. At present he receives \$2.32 per ton.

The health board includes four members, Dr. Frank W. Stevens, Dr. Edward Monahan, George C. Peet and Attorney William L. Zepp.

Dr. Monahan and Attorney Zepp are Democrats.

"I have seen no one in reference to the contract. I will not discuss what my action will be, until the board meets tomorrow," was the gist of the statements given to The Farmer by these Democratic commissioners today.

It is known that if the Democratic commissioners should vote against the apparent favoritism towards King in the awarding of the contract, Mayor Wilson will probably cast his vote in favor of Mr. King's contract.

As both Dr. Stevens and George C. Peet are commissioners who went on the health board with the King O. K., their votes to give the big contract to King are expected as a matter of course.

The Burns Co.'s bid for collection of the garbage for 10 years was fixed at \$2.04. King's bid was \$2.06.

If the Burns Co.'s 10 year bid was accepted, the saving to the city in the five year period would approximate \$5,000.

URGES ABANDONING SCIENTIFIC PROBE RELATING TO PAIN

Rev. Mr. Richardson Declares Physical Discomfort Is Partly Essential

Rev. John MacLaren Richardson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, preached a strong sermon against the elimination of pain by science at the services last evening.

The pastor based his plea for a halt in scientific research as related to pain upon the belief that pain is the watch dog of the system and should be eliminated, and other minor ailments would develop into vital maladies without the system being aware of the encroachment.

Incidentally it was announced that Hon. Augustus P. Gardner, congressman from Massachusetts and one of the few authorities on national preparedness and defense had been obtained to make the only speech on the subject that will be heard in Connecticut before the assembling of Congress. The speech will be delivered in Presbyterian hall under the auspices of the Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian church and admittance will be had by tickets given freely by members of the church. The attendance will be limited to the capacity of the hall.

A novelty in increasing church attendance was tried with good results yesterday when 150 men of the church visited the homes of about 700 church members and friends in an effort to stimulate greater church interest. The city was divided into 25 districts and direction of general chairman, George C. Gerrish, Captains with details of 12 men each made the house to house canvass of members.

Lee Spent \$260 In Campaign For Mayor

It cost Henry Lee \$260 for his campaign for mayor on the Citizens' ticket according to the statement of his election expenses filed with the town clerk today. Of this amount he says that \$210 was for personal expenses; \$25 for stationery and printing and \$25 for given Edward P. Nobbes, the treasurer of the Citizens' party town committee.

Dr. Charles C. Godfrey, a member of the board of education on the Citizens' ticket, gave a contribution of \$25. Harry H. DeLoss, who was elected to the same board on the same ticket, filed an accounting today saying he had spent nothing.

Irving Elson, lawyer, elected member of the board of selectmen, spent nothing according to the statement filed by his political agent, Thomas C. Coughlin.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably showers; warmer tonight. Variable winds becoming fresh to strong south.

SUSPECTED BOMB PLOTS HERE ARE CAUSE OF PROBE

Secret Service Agents Active in Investigating Occurrences Here.

BRIDGEPORT MEN'S TESTIMONY TAKEN

Local Mechanical Engineers Given Hearing Before New York Jury.

That the investigators of the bomb plot that has been attributed to Lieutenant Fay of the German army and his alleged fellow conspirator, Scholz, will attempt to prove that these men and their allies have made plots against munitions plants in Bridgeport, is believed as a result of the appearance last Thursday of Felix Lauter of 1150 Capitol avenue, and Richard Zinknagel of 167 West Liberty street, this city, before a grand jury in New York.

The two Zinknagel were called as witnesses before Commissioner Houghton and at the close of the hearings it was given out that a closer investigation will be made in Bridgeport.

Three secret service men have been in this city for a month. Only the head of the police department here has been acquainted with their mission.

Zinknagel and Lauter told of their meeting with Paul Daech, who is a representative of a German firm, and who is held in connection with the plot. They also told of their meeting with Scholz and at the close of the hearing the opinion was expressed that the plot may have had a deep significance as related to occurrences in Bridgeport.

All the Bridgeporters who appeared in New York are both mechanical engineers. Lauter has many devices to his credit as inventions. They have offices near each other in the city.

At the United States attorney's office in New York it was intimated that more confessions are expected from those involved in the bomb plot. "I shouldn't be surprised if some of them have a change of thought," declared Mr. Marshall of the government counsel.

The hearing was continued and will be resumed Thursday in all probability.

Eighteen more than under arrest, presentation of evidence to the grand jury in an effort to obtain indictments, a \$25,000 incendiary fire in the super cargo of the British steamship Euterpe, disclosure of the crippling of war material in transit for the Allies—these are the latest developments in the government's case against the plotters.

All of the men now under arrest (there are 25 of them) are said by secret service men to be implicated in an extensive plot which involved activity aboard vessels, at munition factories and in railroad freight yards.

Eight distinct fires were discovered last night in the hold of the Euterpe, lying in Erie Basin. Her cargo was consigned to the Allies.

Among the beads and wigs found in possession of Fay and Scholz were shown to the grand jury. Carl Wettig, chemist; Paul Selb, broker, and James Service, secret service man, testified.

Thirty military trucks for the Allies have been disabled in Weebawken, the seat of Fay's conspiracy, and shipped abroad in useless condition in the last two months. From each of these trucks a magnetic value of \$185, was removed in West New York freight yards. At least \$80,000 worth of automobile tires for cars of commanding officers, signal service, ambulance corps and other branches of the Allied armies have been stolen or diverted to other channels.

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TWENTY-SIX HUGE BUILDINGS IN ANOTHER FACTORY GROUP PLANNED FOR ARMS COMPANY

CLITUS KING EXPECTS STATE'S PRISON TERM AS RESULT OF FRAUDS

The report that Attorney Clitus H. King expects an immunity bath in return for his action in surrendering himself to County Sheriff Pease was denied today by friends of the accused lawyer. Those who have talked with King say he has no idea of unusual clemency, but expects a term in state's prison.

The immunity story was probably started by the fact that King had a conference in New York with a local man before he telephoned to this city and announced he would give himself up. He was advised at this conference that it would be better for him to come back here and take his punishment, but it was denied today that King was given any assurance that he would escape a prison sentence by surrendering to the authorities.

Another rumor denied today was the story that King had been able to raise a large sum of money, that he would settle with all those he is alleged to have defrauded and in return for that would escape any sentence in court. At present, it is said, that King has no way of raising any substantial sum and there is no indication that he will be able to get funds in the near future.

He has some life insurance, but the amount is not very large and if the policies were converted into cash now it would mean a considerable discount.

He would probably prefer to let the policies stand so that his family will eventually benefit.

Sheriff Pease said this morning that no application had been made for bail in King's case. It would be possible for the lawyer's counsel, Attorney John P. Gray, to appear before Judge William S. Chase when the latter comes to this city tomorrow to resume sessions of the civil superior court.

Judge Chase has authority to fix the amount of bail, but it is understood that no steps will be taken tomorrow for King's counsel. It will probably be later in the week before any action along that line is taken.

The chances are that the state will not ask for such a large amount of bail as first was expected. The two counts against King, involve only \$2,300 and although other persons have accused the lawyer of defrauding them these charges have not been formally made in court. At the county courthouse today it was reported that the state would probably not ask for more than \$5,000 bail at the most. King may be able to get this amount in view of the fact that a prominent man offered Saturday to go as security.

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U. S. COURT ORDERS NATIONAL BANK TO RETURN BIG SUM TO BANKRUPT ZEIGLER'S ESTATE

Judgment against the Pequot National bank, which, since litigation began, has been merged with the First Bridgeport National bank, has been rendered by Judge E. S. Thomas of the U. S. district court, in a suit brought by creditors of the bankrupt estate of J. W. Zeigler against the bank.

The suit was based upon the turning over to the bank, as security for notes, of Zeigler's book accounts. Judgment is entered for \$4,428.92. The judgment will be credited to Zeigler's assets, and the creditors are to share in the increased dividend.

Prior to April 13, 1911, J. W. Zeigler was in the grocery business in this city. His bankruptcy schedule showed total liabilities of \$23,334.60. The assets sold for \$6,250. There were outstanding accounts of \$5,090.66, which it is alleged were transferred to the Pequot bank within four months prior to the date of bankruptcy to cover two notes which had been rendered for a considerable period of time.

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Boston Avenue Bayonet Plant Completed This Week, Operations Will Begin Soon on New Enterprise of Double the Size of Present Factory—Purchase of Almshouse, Now Practically Clinched, Included in Mammoth Undertaking in View—Work To Be Pushed on 148 Houses on Tracts Between Boston and Barnum Avenues.

With its vast rifle and bayonet plant in Boston avenue completed, the Remington Arms & Ammunition company is planning further industrial activities here of staggering proportions.

Plans already under way call for the construction immediately of another factory group that will be double the size of huge plant in Boston avenue. Twenty-six five-story buildings, it is said, are included in the proposed building operations that will completely overshadow anything of its kind in the country.

The plans include the purchase of the new almshouse and other city property north of Boston avenue.

On Wednesday of this week, the Stewart Construction Co. will turn over to the company the completed plant in Boston avenue. The plant consists of fourteen five-story brick and steel factory buildings and five two-story foundry buildings of the same construction.

The Stewart Construction company started the building of the plant on March 9 of this year. In eight months, the company has completed the biggest single building operations ever undertaken in this country. More than 3,500 men were employed continually on the job, and at times as many as fifty carloads of materials were received in a single day.

James C. Greist, superintendent of construction for the Stewart Co., said today that his firm immediately will begin the construction of 148 houses for the Arms company on the tracts recently purchased between Boston and Barnum avenues.

Mr. Greist was non-committal on the proposed factory buildings that are contemplated. He said the time hadn't arrived when those operations could be discussed.

It is understood that the new factory group will occupy the huge tracts of land north and east of the plant just completed. This will bring part of the company's buildings within the town limits of Huntington.

According to well-informed persons, negotiations for the purchase from the city of the new almshouse are practically complete. The new building and other city property adjoins the Arms company land, and would break up the plan for concentrating the plant in that section. Its purchase at a handsome figure is expected soon.

The completion of the rifle and bayonet plant marks the first step in the building of "Remington City" in the northeast section of the city. The building of several hundred dwelling houses—for 148 of which contracts have been let—will follow next.

Factory building activities near Boston avenue haven't ceased, however. For the Union Metallic Cartridge company work will be begun immediately by the Pardy Construction company on seven five-story and two two-story factory buildings on the south side of Boston avenue. The contracts for these buildings have been let some time, but the work has been held up through a delay in obtaining structural steel.

COAL MERCHANT GORDON AND COX FALLS DEAD IN GO TO THE MAT BROOKLAWN CAR AT BOARD MEET

Louis W. B. Hill's Sudden Demise Shocks Business Community.

Louis W. B. Hill, aged 32, unmarried, proprietor of the Hill Coal Co., and owner of the Franklin block at Main and State streets, met with sudden death on a Brooklawn trolley car this morning. He died before the ambulance corps, summoned by the trolleyman, arrived. Medical Examiner Garlick attributed his death to pulmonary hemorrhage. Mr. Hill resided with his mother, Mrs. W. B. Hill, whose late husband, a retired farmer, made a fortune about 10 years ago out of railroad stock speculations, and purchased the Franklin block and the coal company owned by Richard Dundon.

Besides his mother, Mr. Hill's only surviving near relative is a sister, Mrs. J. T. Cook of Wallacetown, Mass. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Since the death of his father, Mr. Hill has handled the Hill Coal Co. He appeared to be in his usual good health when he breakfasted with his mother this morning. He went to his office at a o'clock and after examining the books for the week previous and doing other minor work connected with the firm, Mr. Hill boarded a trolley car for home.

It is said that he has been subject to similar attacks for some time past but they were not believed to be serious. While aboard a Brooklawn trolley he was attacked and fell unconscious. A call was then sent in for the ambulance corps.

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